

U.S. Department of State's English Access Microscholarship Program

Request for Access 10 (FY15) Grant Proposals in JORDAN

Submission Deadline: May 31, 2016

The Regional English Language Office (RELO) in the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Amman, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State's Office of English Language Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposals from qualified NGOs to administer the FY15 English Access Microscholarship Program in Jordan, "Access 10."

English Access Microscholarships must provide a minimum of 360 hours of high quality, American-style, after-school and summer-intensive English classes and enhancement activities for disadvantaged teens.

To be eligible, Access Program participants must be well-performing, economically-disadvantaged 13 to 18-year-old students currently enrolled in the Jordanian school system. The participant selection process must be transparent and competitive and must aim for gender parity.

To compete for the Access 10 grant, local and international non-governmental organizations and educational institutions need to submit full proposals to the RELO Amman office by May 31, 2016. Please contact RELO Assistant Salwa Rihani at Ammanrelo@statet.gov for proposal documents.

Program Information

Description: The Access Program develops English language skills and capabilities among economically-disadvantaged youth (13-20 years of age), while also introducing them to American culture and society through after-school classes and enhancement activities. Access students often gain enough English to participate in future U.S. exchange and study programs.

Project Overview: The grantee organization will be expected to provide selected groups of students with two years of after-school English language instruction and enhancement activities, e.g. at least 180 hours of instruction per year or a minimum 360 hours, aimed at improving students' overall English language proficiency in the four basic skills of speaking, listening, writing and reading. In addition to providing quality instruction in the English language to Access students, grantees will conduct enhancement activities with content that gives the participants insights into, and an appreciation for, U.S. culture and democratic ideals. These activities could involve such things as public speaking or debate clubs; lessons on U.S. society and culture (celebrations of American holidays); community awareness activities, including civic education classes; community service and advocacy discussions and activities, including Global Youth Service Day; and English-language summer camps. Enhancement activities should be designed to help students better understand U.S. society and ideals, including the U.S. values of volunteerism and community service.

Objectives: The overall objective of the Access Program is to enhance the English-language skills of disadvantaged youth and thereby develop increased self-confidence, stronger critical thinking skills and opportunities to study or obtain jobs.

Specific objectives include:

1. Providing students from economically-disadvantaged families with English language classes at no cost;
2. Enabling these students to develop leadership and interpersonal skills through various enhancement activities;
3. Increasing students' understanding of U.S. culture and ideals through enrichment activities;
4. Enabling students with improved English language skills to successfully participate in U.S. government-funded academic exchange programs and other public diplomacy initiatives.

Administration: Grantee organizations are expected to keep administration costs to a minimum. Please note that administration costs may not exceed 10% of the total budget. Grantee organizations are also encouraged to consider cost-sharing.

Program Coordination: The Access Program is administered by the Regional English Language Office of the U.S. Embassy. For questions, please contact RELO Assistant Salwa Rihani at Ammanrelo@state.gov or 06-5906514

Proposal Submission

Please submit your Grant Proposals electronically to Ammanrelo@state.gov by May 31, 2016. The Proposals should consist of the completed narrative and budget proposals which can be from the RELO office. *Please note that incomplete proposals will not be taken into consideration.*